



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2004 - 2

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#### *LOUISIANA INTERAGENCY ACTION COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS*

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- WHEREAS,** the number of homeless persons and families in the nation and this state has increased in recent years;
- WHEREAS,** the causes of homelessness are many and complex and homeless individuals have diverse needs;
- WHEREAS,** effective use of the state of Louisiana's resources and programs to alleviate the plight of homelessness requires coordination of efforts by interested persons, agencies, and organizations, both public and private, including participation at the federal, state, and local levels;

**NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO,** Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The Louisiana Interagency Action Council for the Homeless (hereafter "Council") shall be reestablished and recreated within the executive department, Office of the Governor.

**SECTION 2:** The duties of the Council shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Conducting annual assessment and evaluation of service needs and resources for the homeless of the state of Louisiana;
- B. Researching and assisting in the development of funding resources for the homeless;
- C. Monitoring and evaluating assistance to homeless persons provided by all levels of government and the private sector;
- D. Consulting and coordinating all activities with the Federal Interagency Council for the Homeless, HUD, and all other federal agencies that provide assistance to the homeless;
- E. Monitoring the flow of information among separate service providers, government agencies, and/or appropriate authorities;
- F. Disseminating timely information of federal, state, or private resources available to assist the homeless population;
- G. Insuring the services for all homeless persons of the state of Louisiana are appropriately planned and coordinated, thereby reducing duplication among programs and activities by state agencies and other providers;
- H. Recommending improvements to the service delivery system for the homeless, by submitting bi-annual reports of its activities to the governing bodies which represent the Council and also by detailing any and all actions taken by the Council to improve the provisions of services for the homeless; and
- I. Participating in the development of all planning related to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C.A §11411;

- SECTION 3:** At least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the legislative session, the Council shall submit its bi-annual report to the governor, the president of the Louisiana Senate, and the speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives on the issues set forth in Section 2 of this Order.
- SECTION 4:** The Council shall be composed of a maximum of thirty-six (36) members who, unless otherwise specified, shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor. The membership of the Council shall be selected as follows:
- A. The governor, or the governor's designee;
  - B. The president of the Louisiana State Senate, or the president's designee;
  - C. The speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, or the speaker's designee;
  - D. The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, or the secretary's designee;
  - E. The secretary of the Department of Social Services, or the secretary's designee;
  - F. The secretary of the Department of Labor, or the secretary's designee;
  - G. The superintendent of the Department of Education, or the superintendent's designee;
  - H. The director of the Bureau of Health Services Financing, Department of Health and Hospitals, or the director's designee;
  - I. The executive director of the Office of Public Health, Department of Health and Hospitals, or the executive director's designee;
  - J. The assistant secretary of the Office of Mental Health, Department of Health and Hospitals, or the assistant secretary's designee;
  - K. The assistant secretary of the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, Department of Health and Hospitals, or the assistant secretary's designee;
  - L. The assistant secretary of the Office for Addictive Disorders, Department of Health and Hospitals, or the assistant secretary's designee;
  - M. The assistant secretary of the Office of Community Services, Department of Social Services, or the assistant secretary's designee;
  - N. The director of the Louisiana Rehabilitation Services, Department of Social Services, or the director's designee;
  - O. The assistant secretary of the Office of Family Support, Department of Social Services, or the assistant secretary's designee;
  - P. The assistant secretary of the Office of Adult Services, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, or the assistant secretary's designee;
  - Q. The assistant secretary of the Office of Youth Development, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, or the assistant secretary's designee;
  - R. The executive director of the Office of Elderly Affairs, Office of the Governor, or the executive director's designee;
  - S. The executive director of the Office of Veterans Affairs, Office of the Governor, or the executive director's designee;

- T. The executive director of the Office on Women’s Policy, Office of the Governor, or the executive director’s designee;
- U. The president of the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, or the president’s designee;
- V. Two (2) representatives of the Drug Policy Board with expertise in the area of drug prevention and treatment;
- W. One (1) representative of a Louisiana nonprofit legal services organization;
- X. Two (2) representatives of local government agencies;
- Y. Two (2) representatives of local advocacy groups for populations which are affected by homelessness;
- Z. Three (3) representatives of providers of services to the homeless; and
- AA. Four (4) members at-large.

**SECTION 5:** The chair of the Council shall be appointed by the governor from the membership of the Council. All other officers, if any, shall be elected by the membership of the Council.

**SECTION 6:** The Council shall meet at regularly scheduled intervals and at the call of the chair.

- SECTION 7:**
- A. Council members shall not receive additional compensation or a per diem from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Council.
  - B. Council members who are an employee or an elected public official of the state of Louisiana or a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana may seek reimbursement of travel expenses, in accordance with PPM 49, from their employing and/or elected department, agency and/or office.
  - C. Council members who are also a member of the Louisiana Legislature may seek a per diem from the Louisiana State Senate or House of Representatives, as appropriate, for their attendance

**SECTION 8:** Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Council shall be provided by the various departments and/or agencies which form its membership.

**SECTION 9:** All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Council in implementing the provisions of this Order.

**SECTION 10:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 25th day of March, 2004.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR**

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**SECRETARY OF STATE**